

# Pollworker Points...

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## **pascovotes.com Gets a Facelift**

In an effort to better serve our users, the Supervisor of Elections office has redesigned its website. Beginning July 1, 2005 the new look of *pascovotes.com* will replace the initial design. Navigation through the site will be easier than ever. Check it out!

## **Growing County**

With over 100,000 homes in the works, the elections office will be addressing growth issues in south central Pasco. Our county is looking at the addition of approximately 23 voting precincts which equates to the need for additional pollworkers. Direct anyone interested in joining the Pasco County Supervisor of Elections team to "Becoming a Pollworker" on *pascovotes.com*.

## **More Election Reform on the Horizon**

The conclusion of the 2005 Legislative Session has brought substantial change to the policies and procedures carried out by the state's supervisors of elections. Look for information regarding provisional ballots, mail-in ballots, early voting, address changes, etc... in the upcoming issue of VoteNotes.



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## **THE WHEELS OF CHANGE ARE SPINNING**

**Pasco County Supervisor of Elections introduces online trainings...**

Pasco County Supervisor of Elections has the privilege of providing you an opportunity to participate in a state of the art training method for the 2006 election series.

Imagine... a training that lets you go at your own pace, in the comfort of your own home or the convenience of your public library. It is called an online training platform (OTP) and it allows adult learners to educate themselves on their schedule. The OTP will allow our office to provide a consistent training message to each individual learner.

Pasco's online tutorial will replace the mandatory overview session. Pollworkers will visit *pascovotes.com* and complete the overview session online. Once the session has been completed, the pollworker coordinator will be notified and will be able to assign the pollworker to their traditional job specific trainings.

The mandatory overview will remain a mini training session designed to acquaint pollworkers with Election Day including arrival times, what to bring with you, and what to expect throughout the day. The session will also equip each pollworker with the knowledge and skills necessary to meet the state's requirements regarding conflict management, problem solving and sensitivity training.

Pollworkers will still be required to complete one overview session per election year before they are eligible for future trainings and work assignments.

We look forward to the implementation of this invaluable tool and trust that you will embrace the change that will redefine election training.

## **STATE BUDGET FUNDS FOR RECRUITMENT & TRAINING**

Continuing pressure from federal and state government to upgrade the recruitment and training of pollworkers has generated the purpose behind embracing advancements like Online Training Platforms (OTP). State legislators feel so strongly about it that they have allotted money in their budget to help cover expenses related to pollworker recruitment & training.

Pasco County intends to use its share to provide a more accurate and efficient training tool that will help us measure the effectiveness of our trainings. The OTP will increase pollworker accountability. The institution of accountability will enhance the elections office ability to measure the information given to the pollworkers and how they use it at the polls on Election Day. The OTP will also help us to better equip you by giving you the skill sets you will need to work at the polls.

**\*\*\*IMPORTANT\*\*\***

**YOUR RESPONSE IS REQUIRED**

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# ELECTION DATES

## Municipal Election

April 11, 2006

## Primary Election

September 5, 2006

## General Election

November 7, 2006

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Please fill in the requested information below:

Access Code:

ID Number:

Name:

Do you have an e-mail address?

YES  NO

Providing your e-mail address will give us a convenient way to keep in touch with you.

E-Mail Address:

How comfortable are you with Online Learning?

VERY COMFORTABLE  
 SOMEWHAT COMFORTABLE  
 A LITTLE UNCOMFORTABLE  
 WILLING TO GIVE IT A TRY

Comments:

If you have internet access (Remember: Access can be at your home, your neighbor's, the public library, etc...) we will need to identify you as an internet learner.

An online survey has been prepared for you to complete. Each and every pollworker should submit their completed survey no later than **July 5, 2005**.

### Instructions for Online Survey

1. Go to [pascovotes.com](http://pascovotes.com)
2. Click on *Pollworker Survey*
3. Complete the survey:  
Your Access Code is \_\_\_\_\_  
Your ID Number is \_\_\_\_\_
4. Submit information

If you do not have internet access, please call 1-800-851-8754. Our office will assist you in completing the survey. However, every attempt should be made to generate an online submission of the survey.